



<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>May 11, 2017</b>	<b>Town Hall Annex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room</b>
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**Commissioners attending:** Adria Arch, Barbara Costa, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Steve Poltorzycki, Marga Varea

**Commissioners absent:** Carla Dorato, Jonathan Hyde, Leland Stein, Aimee Taberner

**Guest:** Lisbet Taylor, ACC

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes for April 13, 2017 were unanimously approved (as amended).

**Budget Update:** \$2,500 of the FY17 budget will be spent on the extended scope of the Arts & Culture Plan project. Approximately \$400 of the FY17 budget remains uncommitted.

**Arlington Alive Branding Proposal:** It was unanimously decided that ACAC propose to the other four organizations that are the subject of the TDC Arts Agencies Study (i.e., ACC, ACDMP, APA, and A-TED) that "Arlington Alive" becomes associated, as a brand name, with the arts-related activities of the operations the five Arlington Arts Agencies acting in concert (perhaps as "Arlington Alive Arts Coalition), including the web site that will be established by these Agencies, and with arts in Arlington in general.

**Feast of the East:** The Commission voted 4-1 in favor of appropriating \$45 for an ACAC booth at Feast of the East festival on June 17, 2017. Commission members volunteered to staff the booth.

**TDC Arts Agencies Study:** TDC will interview other municipal arts agencies (Concord, Easthampton, Pittsfield, Somerville), conduct another round of interviews with Arlington organizations previously interviewed, and will present its findings and recommendations at a meeting with all five Arts Agencies that were the subject of the study.

**Arts & Culture Plan:** Comments to the Arts & Culture Plan proposed goals and strategies are due on May 12, 2017.

## **New Business:**

***Dropbox:*** *We will explore using Dropbox as a central location for ACAC documents.*

***Artist Residence Spaces:*** Lisbet Taylor proposed that we explore renting the Town-owned house on Gilboa Road for the purpose of having an artist-in-residence, studio space, and/or artist gathering space. Poltorzycki will look into this possibility, as well as obtaining living/working spaces for artists in general in Arlington.

***Arts Boston Calendar:*** Marlin-Curiel will contact John Beck at Arts Boston to understand the steps that will need to be taken and the potential cost associated with having Arlington cultural events posted to the Arts Boston Calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.